

Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alikes (FQHC-LA)

WHAT IS A FQHC-LA?

An **FQHC-LA** is an organization that meets all of the eligibility requirements of an organization that receives a PHS Section 330 grant, but does not receive grant funding. However, because they already meet the program requirements for this grant funding, **FQHC-LAs** are mature applicants for PHS 330 funding.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING AN FQHC-LA?

Although **FQHC-LAs** do not receive grant funding like FQHCs, they do share some benefits, including:

- Eligibility for enhanced Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement
- Eligibility to purchase prescription and non-prescription medications for outpatients at reduced cost through the 340B Drug Pricing Program
- Automatic designation as a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). The HPSA designation provides eligibility to recruit providers from the National Health Service Corps (NHSC), J-1 visa waiver program, and the Maryland state Loan Assistance Repayment Program (LARP).

For more information of **FQHC-LAs**, visit: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/>

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